(d) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(e) by when these trains are likely to be operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRIBANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (e) Trains are not introduced State-wise but on the basis of public demand, operational feasibility, commercial justification and availability of resources. However, the following trains announced in Railway Budget, 2003-2004 will originate/terminate in Rajasthan:—

1. 1469/1470 Jabalpur-Kota Express *via* Bina (daily) introduced with effect from01-04-2003.
2. Jaipur-Udaipur Express *via* Ajmer-Chittaurgarh (MG) (daily)
3. Ajmer-Mumbai Central Express (tri-weekly)
4. Bikaner-Secunderabad Express *via* Kazipet (weekly)
5. Trivandrum-Jodhpur Express *via* Ahmedabad (weekly)
6. Sealdah-Jaipur Express *via* Tundla (weekly).

Gauge conversion of Kanpur-Mathura rail line

†5236. PROF. RB. S. VARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when meter gauge rail line from Kanpur to Mathura will be converted into broad gauge rail line;

(b) the amount sanctioned for the said work in the current year's Budget; and

(c) the details of the amount allocated in the Budget and amount spent in the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The work on Kanpur-Kasganj-Mathura, Kasganj-Bareilly and Bareilly-Lalkua gauge conversion project is in progress. No target date has yet been fixed.

(b) An outlay of Rs. 23.20 crore has been provided for the project during 2003-04.

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† Original notice of question was received in Hindi.

(c) The details of budget allocations and expenditure incurred during last three years is as under :—

Year	Budget Outlay	Expenditure
2000-01	Rs. 26 cr.	Rs. 16.30 cr.
2001-02	Rs. 26 cr.	Rs. 30.50 cr.
2002-03	Rs. 29.89 cr.	Rs. 30.69 cr.

Schemes to check crimes in trains

†5237. PROF. R.B. S. VARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any special scheme to check the crime taking place in trains; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRIBANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) "Policing" being a State subject, the security of passengers and their belongings in the running trains is the constitutional responsibility to the Government Railway Police (GRP), which functions under the control of the State Government concerned. The cases of crime on Railways are reported to, registered and investigated by the Government Railway Police.

The Railway Administration coordinates with the GRP so that the security of the passengers may be ensured. Though the responsibility to curb these incidents lies with the State Governments, the railways also taken the following steps to supplement the efforts of the State Governments.

1. Anti-social elements are removed from Railway premises and trains by RPF.
2. Coach Attendants/TTEs keep proper watch on the passengers entering/ detraining from the coaches.
3. Coaches are locked during their run especially during night hours.
4. Wherever the State Government wants to establish mobile post in the running trains, necessary facilities like accommodation etc. are provided.
5. FIR forms are mac's available with the Train Guards/Station Masters/ RPF to facilitate the travelling public to lodge their reports immediately.
6. RPF Assistance Posts are provided at important stations to assist passengers in lodging FIRs with Government Railway Police.

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